were subsequently detained under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974.

Statement of President of World Bank on economic problem sof poor countries

1185. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the World Bank President Mr. A. W. Clausen while addressing the German Foreign Policy Association in Bonn on April 17, 1986 to the effect that poor countries in Asia like India, China and Pakistan face serious economic problems and require policy changes to accelerate adjustment;

(b) if so, whether Government have since got any confirmation from him about the precise nature of the problems and the policy changes contemplated; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The extract of the speech of Mr. A. W. Clausen made available by the World Bank's New Delhi office does not contain any reference to the effect that poor countries in Asia like India, China and Pakistan face serious economic problems. The full text of the speech is awaited.

Incentives to 100 per cent export-oriented units

1186. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incentives have recently been provided to 100 per cent export-oriented units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The working of the 100 per cent export-oriented units has been reviewed from time to time and additional incentives extended as and when necessary. There has been no major incentive announced in this regard recently

Distress sale of raw cotton in Gujarat

@1186-A. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale distress sale of raw cotton is going on in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Due to easy supply position of cotton, there has been a downward trend in the prices of cotton in the country during the current cotton season. With a view to protecting the interest of the cotton growers, the following important steps have been taken by the Government of India:

(1) Minimum support prices of kapas have been announced.

(2) The Cotton Corporation of India has been directed to purchase cotton at the minimum support prices wherever the prices of kapas tend to fall below the support prices announced by the Government of India.

@Proviously Unstarred Question 820 transferred from the 2nd May, 1986.

(3) The Cotton Corporation of India has stepped up its purchase operations in all the cotton growing states including Gujarat.

(4) Substantial quantities (10.77 lakh bales) of cotton of various varieties have been released by the Govt. for export to foreign countries.

(5) Unlike in the past export quota for staple cotton has also been released in favour of private trade.

(6) With a view to pushing up exports of cotton, the condition of minimum export price for export of cotton has been withdrawn by the Government.

लघु उद्योग क्षेत्रों में रोलर मिलों की स्थापना

@1186-स. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल:** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने वर्ष 1982 में गेहूं का स्टाक संतोषप्रद न होने के कारण लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र में रोलर फ्लोर मिल स्थापित करने पर पूर्णत: प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिया है ; और

(ख) क्या देश में विशेषकर मध्य प्रदेश में हुई गेहूं की बढ़िया फसल को देखते हुए मध्य प्रदेश जैसे पिछड़े प्रदेशों में गेहूं पर आधारित लघु उद्योग और रोलर मिल स्थापित करने पर लगाये गये प्रतिबन्ध को शिथिल करने पर केन्द्रीय सरकार विचार कर रही है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) (क) यह निर्णय किया गया था कि 24-5-1980 से कोई नयी रोलर फ्लोर मिल स्थापित करने की इजाजत नहीं दी जाएगी ।

(ख) देश में गेहूं की वर्तमान सुगम उपलब्धता को देखते हुए, राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों में 30 मीटरी टन प्रति दिन की क्षमता तक के सीमित संख्या में नये यूनिट लगाने की अनुमति देने का निर्णय किया गया है । राज्य सरकारों को सलाह दी गई थी कि इस संबंध में अनुमति प्रदान करने के लिए वे उद्यमियों से 30 अप्रैल, 1986 से पूर्व आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त कर लें और उनपर आगे विचार करने के लिए उन्हें केन्द्रीय सरकार को भेज दें । मध्य प्रदेश में नये यूनिट स्थापित करने के लिए प्राप्त हुए अनुरोधों पर इस नीति के अनुसार विचार किया जाएगा ।

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 837, 5 मई, 1986 से स्थानान्तरित ।

Investment by NRIs

@@1186-C. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalisation measures enforced by the Government have made any effect on the investment made in India during the year 1985-86 by non-resident Indians and other foreign nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether further liberalisation measures are proposed to be introduced to attract foreign investment; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The response of NRIs to the liberalisation measures initiated by Government has been satisfactory as is

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1036 transfered from 5th May, 1986.